these unclaimed deposits from part of the banks' overall funds, they are already deployed by banks for various purposes.

Staff in Publication Division

530. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is present strength of the staff of Publication Division of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;

(b) the strength of the staff of the Publication Division five years ago;

(c) the number of posts of Assistant Directors and Section Officers lying vacant;

(d) by when these posts are likely to be filled up; and

(e) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the staff of Publications Division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The staff strength of the Publication Division is as under:

Present staff strength	*Staff Strength 5 years ago*
791	801

(c) None.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Seventh Plan proposals provide for expansion of the activities of the Publications Division and creation of some additional posts.

Gas leak at Baroda Heavy Water Plant

531. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons have been affected following a gas leak at the Baroda Heavy Water Plant;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the outcome of inquiry made by Government into the gas leakage; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) There was a release of synthesis gas consisting mainly of hydrogen and nitrogen, for a very short time at Heavy Water Plant, Baroda on 16-5-1987. No person was affected by this leak.

(c) Safety procedures have been upgraded to avoid such leak.

Printing of Currency Notes abroad

532. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fresh proposal to get the Indian currnecy notes printed in some foreign country when the Nasik Press is capable of turning out the needed quantity of currency notes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the machine on which the foreign supplier of the currency notes proposes to print the notes is obsolete and its printing quality is doubtful; and

(c) if so, what is the value of the currency notes proposed to be got printed/have been printed by the foreign printers stating the reasons for getting the job done by foreign printers in view of (a) and (b) above.